

Minutes

Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council

DATE: March 12, 2003

Room 223

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building

Present: Randall Bachman, Dan Becker, Susan Burke, Lou Callister, Clonel Merrill Carter, Blake Chard, Mike Findeis, Dick Melton, Verne Larsen, Ed McConkie, Harold Morrill, Diane Ngatuvai, Jack Tanner and Anna Kay Waddoups

I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

- Lou Callister noted that in the December 11, 2002 USAAV Council minutes he was mistakenly reported as abstaining from the motion to support the DUI Pleas in Abeyance bill, when in fact, he voted in favor of this. However, he did abstain from voting on SB 7.

Action: There was a motion made by Colonel Carter to approve the minutes with this change. The motion was seconded by Mike Findeis and was unanimously approved.

II. Director's Report

- It was noted that the Club Drug CD is in the meeting packet as requested. The CD has already been distributed to law enforcement statewide. There was a press conference where it was announced that there is a link to the CD on the Attorney General's website: www.attorneygeneral.utah.gov.
- The USAAV Annual Report has been completed by Susan Burke. An overview was given of the report.
- Council members need to submit any nominations for USAAV Chair to Susan prior to May. There have been two names received so far which will be submitted to the Governor for his appointment. The Chair has always been a member of the public.
- Susan noted that the last time the USAAV Governor's Awards were given was in 1998. These awards were given to individuals inside and outside of the system that demonstrated outstanding service in regard to substance abuse and anti-violence.

Action: A motion was made to re-instate the USAAV Governor's Awards by Verne Larsen. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and was unanimously approved. Susan will obtain approval through the Governor's Office.

III. USAAB Committee Reports

Anti-Violence: Susan referred to the public nuisance brochure in the meeting packet. This brochure was brought about at Senator Gene Davis' request. The brochure is being mailed out next week to law enforcement statewide. The brochure will also go to the League of Cities and Towns and the Association of Counties. There is a place on the back where they can personalize their contact information and distribute to local residents. They will be made aware that this brochure is available on the CCJJ website.

- The State Crime Prevention Grants (\$210,000) and the Gang Mini-Grants (\$80,000) Request for Proposals went out last week. The committee members recommended instituting a 10% cash match to show good faith of a solid commitment to their program. If applicants cannot come up with the cash, they have to explain why, map out a specific plan to obtain it in the future and have 30% in-kind match. The deadline for submission is April 7, 2003. The committee will review and make recommendations and CCJJ will make a final decision. Applications will have to be submitted annually due to funding changes.

Criminal Justice: There was lengthy discussion regarding SB 31, the failed legislative bill regarding forfeiture. The Deseret News reported the \$1.2 million seizure this week in Utah, but not one cent will come to Utah due to this failed legislation. The Criminal Justice Committee will meet on March 20th and determine what direction to take.

- There were recommendations made at the Club Drug Summit held in August 2001. This committee is assigning these out to specific agencies and having them take ownership of the issues. Progress is anticipated.
- The Meth Clean-up Standards are a grave concern. Two bills ran this session and both failed. Senator Litvack and an employee from the Dept. of Health have been invited to present at next week's meeting. Dick Melton emphasized that DOH has no resources to enforce clean-up. This is a complex issue that is not going to go away.

DUI: Anna Kay Waddoups noted that it was a successful session for DUI bills. It was noted that SB 66, "Alcoholic Beverage Enforcement and Treatment" failed to appropriate the funds from the restricted account established. A special session would have to address this issue.

Action: There was a motion made by Harold Morrill and seconded by Verne Larsen that the Council recommend SB 66 as an agenda item for a special session. The motion passed unanimously.

Substance Abuse Services: Verne Larsen reported that their committee met this morning. May 1st has been designated as, "Stinger Prevention Dimensions Day" for 5th and 6th graders. Over 18,000 students are interested in attending, however, they only can accommodate 10,000. Verne requested funding assistance from USAAB.

Action: There was a motion by Harold Morrill to approve the use of \$2,000 - \$3,000 from deobligated crime and gang prevention grants toward this effort. The motion was seconded by Ed McConkie and unanimously approved.

- The Governor's Youth Council will no longer be supported by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. It was proposed that USAAB take on this Council, and determine a name not involving the governor's title.

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Action: Ed McConkie volunteered to act as a liason between the Council and the Governor's Office to determine what direction the Governor would like to see taken with this. He will bring it to the Governor's Senior Staff meeting next week.

- Harold reported that the SAS Committee will work on the following three items for the coming year: 1) Treatment alternatives for drug offenders, 2) Drug Court outcomes and funding mechanisms and 3) Jail policies regarding drug offenders and offenders involved in treatment.

IV. Legislative Wrap

Susan gave an overview of the 2003 legislative session USAAV related bills. CCJJ has been asked to make recommendations to the Governor. Some of the study items taken on this year will include:

- Drug officer sentencing study
- Drug treatment study of Texas prisons
- Affects of exposure to violent materials by minors study
- Meth lab clean up and disclosure study

Ed McConkie added that CCJJ has entered into a consortium agreement to convene a board of directors with U. of U. deans of colleges which will include himself, Blake Chard, Dan Becker and Mike Chabries. Three different levels of studies will be done by graduate students or professors and results used by the system to form policy decisions. This consortium will greatly increase research capacity to track and evaluate.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2004 from noon - 2:00 p.m. in room 129 of the State Capitol Building. Lunch will be provided.